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Nuclear Test Foods Displayed At California State Fair

Atomic blast test foods were used to feature the safety of canned foods in the Canners League of California exhibit at the state fair, September 1-11. The exhibit included a pictorial display of scenes from the nuclear tests of canned foods, along with samples of containers of foods actually exposed to the May 5 atomic blast in Nevada. Pictures and samples were supplied by the N.C.A.

The canned and glass-packed foods exhibited were among those exposed in commercial fiberboard cases on the ground surface (with no protection) at 5,600 feet from ground zero during Operation Cue. Although case surfaces were scorched and one case burned, the products were undamaged, showed no induced activity and were found suitable for immediate use following the blast.

Part of the display featured the California Civil Defense Family Food

Shelf, which indicated an adequate three-day supply suitable for the average family.

Space was devoted also to tell the story of the high quality, economy, availability, and time-saving characteristics of canned foods. The size of the California canning industry and its importance to the economy of California was illustrated.

The booth was manned by representatives of the Canners League and N.C.A. Hand-out literature included copies of a pamphlet published by the California civil defense agency entitled "Family Food Shelf and Emergency Menus;" a fold-out giving facts about the California canning industry and answers to questions about canned foods; reprints of a recent article in the March issue of *Woman's Home Companion* stressing the high quality of California canned fruits and vegetables; canned food tables showing nutritive values and servings for various common can sizes, and other N.C.A. literature.

General Crop Report—September 1 Conditions

The Crop Reporting Board of USDA late yesterday issued estimates of indicated production of seven important vegetables for processing and production estimates for fruits and field crops.

The estimates are based on conditions reported to USDA as of September 1, and do not take into account the abnormally hot weather in California since that time.

Based on September 1 conditions, the indicated 1955 production of 5.53 million tons of nine important vegetables for processing is about 2 percent more than the 5.40 million tons obtained in 1954 and also 2 percent above the 1944-53 average.

VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING

	10-year ave. 1944-53 (tons)	1954 Re- vised (tons)	1955 Indi- cated (tons)
Lima beans.....	70,910	103,020	71,350
Snap beans.....	236,800	353,030	297,080
Beets.....	143,100	147,900	148,300
Cabbage (con- tract).....	95,500	118,300	95,700
Corn.....	1,239,800	1,491,100	1,138,800
Pimientos.....	20,020	22,150	39,900
Tomatoes.....	3,109,100	2,688,500	3,194,430

Following are the estimates of production for fruits and other crops:

FRUITS

	1954	Aug. 1 1955	Sept. 1 1955
	(thousands of bushels)		
Apples.....	109,512	107,389	108,201
Peaches.....	61,316	47,830	48,773
Pears.....	30,434	30,863	30,510
	(tons)		
Apricots.....	155,400	258,100	237,900
Plums.....	78,600	85,100	91,100
Cranberries— barrels.....	1,018,500		1,111,700

FIELD CROPS

	1954	Aug. 1 1955	Sept. 1 1955
	(thousands of bushels)		
Potatoes.....	356,031	398,715	392,530
Sweet potatoes.....	29,880	35,963	36,137
Durum wheat.....	5,537	14,293	14,334
	(thousands of bags)		
Rice.....	58,553	47,974	48,745
Dry edible beans.....	18,899	18,776	18,922
Dry field peas.....	3,484	2,933	2,833

Philippine Trade Agreement

A revised trade agreement between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines was signed September 6. It will be effective January 1, 1956, and will end duty-free trade between the two countries.

The revised agreement replaces the schedules for the gradual disappearance of tariff preferences for United States articles imported into the Philippines and for Philippine articles imported into the U. S.

The rates of duty to be applied to imports from the other country will be determined by applying the following percentages to the regular rates of duty:

Years	Philippine Rate on Imports from U. S. (percent of the regular tariff rate)	U. S. Rate on Imports from the Philippines
1956-58.....	25	5
1959-61.....	50	10
1962-64.....	75	20
1965-67.....	90	40
1968-70.....	90	60
1971-73.....	90	80
1974.....	100	100

The present Philippine tariff law is

the 1909 U. S. Tariff Act, as amended at the time the Philippine Republic gained its independence in 1946. The Philippine Tariff Commission, created in 1953, recently submitted its recommendations for revision of the Philippine tariff system. It is expected that a revised tariff schedule will be issued prior to January 1 and that it will provide protection for Philippine industries.

The revised trade agreement also eliminates the present 17 percent exchange tax and provides that it will be replaced by a temporary special import levy which will be reduced at the rate of 10 percent a year beginning in 1957. According to a dispatch from the U. S. Embassy in Manila, products not now subject to the 17 percent tax on foreign exchange will be the same products exempted from the new import tax. Canned beef, canned fish, and canned milk are among the commodities now exempted from the exchange tax.

The revised agreement also permits quantitative import restrictions which

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Diversion of Italian Prunes

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will offer to buy fresh Italian prunes in Washington and Oregon as a surplus removal activity. According to USDA, purchases will begin in about a week.

The prunes will be used in non-profit school lunch programs and other eligible outlets, depending on the quantity purchased. The quantity to be purchased will depend on marketing conditions at the time of the purchase together with the ability of the outlets to use the prunes without waste, and upon the amount of money available for such purchases, according to the announcement.

Potato Diversion Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will assist the potato industry to dispose of supplies of 1955 crop potatoes in excess of market requirements. The program involves government payments for diversion of cull and low quality potatoes to starch, feed, or flour.

In states or areas where the potato industry develops and operates an approved plan, the USDA will assist by making payments for diversion. Such payments will be made only for potatoes which are a minimum of 2 inches in diameter and are of U. S. No. 2 or better quality. The USDA indicated that the program would start on or about September 26 and would be terminated when it is no longer needed.

Payments for diversion will be 50 cents per hundredweight for 1955 crop potatoes until December 31, 1955; 40 cents per hundredweight through March 31, 1956; and 30 cents per hundredweight during the remainder of the season but not later than June 30, 1956.

Westfield Food Products

Announcement is made by W. Kyrel Meschter, secretary-treasurer of Grape Belt Preserve Company, Inc., and Richard T. Schofield, executive vice president and general manager of Westfield Food Products, Inc., that the plant and facilities of Grape Belt Preserve Company have been leased to Westfield Food Products, Inc., Westfield, N. Y.

Westfield Food Products, Inc., will operate the plant and process grapes. With the additional facilities the company plans to process other fruits and food products during the year.

Canner and Fieldmen Schools

Following is a schedule of short courses for canners and fieldmen to be conducted cooperatively in 1956 by the state agricultural colleges and the state and regional canners associations.

California—Jan. 9-10, University of California, Davis
Illinois—Jan. 4-6, University of Illinois, Urbana (Union Bldg.)
Indiana—Jan. 23-25, Purdue University, Lafayette (Union Bldg.)
Iowa-Nebraska—Feb. 21-22, Iowa State College, Ames
Michigan—Jan. 16-18, Michigan State College, East Lansing
Minnesota—Feb. 1-2, Kahler Hotel, Rochester, Minn.
New York—Feb. 14-15, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva
Ohio—Feb. 6-7, Canners' and Fieldmen's Conference, Ohio State University; Feb. 8-9, Fruit and Vegetable Processors' Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus
Ontario, Canada—Jan. 10-12, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph
Pennsylvania—Feb. 1-3, Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Tri-State—Feb. 7-8, University of Delaware, Newark
Wisconsin—Feb. 8-9, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Babcock Hall)

1955 Pack of RSP Cherries

The 1955 pack of canned red pitted cherries totaled 4,902,237 actual cases as compared with the 1954 pack of 3,086,342 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

State	1954	1955
	(actual cases)	
N. Y. and Pa.	507,258	627,922
Michigan	1,942,785	3,175,813
Wisconsin	340,712	782,057
Utah and Idaho	117,179	86,886
Wash. and Ore.	133,810	166,788
Other states	44,589	62,771
U. S. Total	3,086,342	4,902,237

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may become necessary to protect domestic industries or to safeguard monetary reserves. Conditions for the imposition of such restrictions include advance consultations.

The Philippine Republic is an outstanding market for canned foods. In 1954 exports of canned vegetables to the Philippines were valued at \$1,330,000 and exports of canned fruits at \$266,000.

Forthcoming Meetings

September 11-14—National-American Wholesale Grocers Association, Midyear Meeting, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo.
October 7-8—Texas Canners Association, Annual Meeting, Ancira Hotel, Monterrey, Mexico
October 13-15—Florida Canners Association, Annual Meeting, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach
October 19-21—National Pickle Packers Association, Annual Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago
October 30-November 2—National Association of Food Chains, 22d Annual Meeting, Chicago
October 31-November 1—Iowa-Nebraska Canners Association, Annual Meeting, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa
November 3—Illinois Canners Association, Fall Meeting, Bismarck Hotel, Chicago
November 3-4—Ozark Canners Association, Annual Fall Meeting, Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Mo.
November 7-8—Wisconsin Canners Association, 51st Annual Convention, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee
November 11-15—American Meat Institute, Annual Convention, Palmer House, Chicago
November 16-18—Indiana Canners Association, Annual Convention, French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick
November 16-18—Association of Food Industry Sanitarians, National Convention, Hotel El Rancho, Sacramento, Calif.
November 16-18—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Annual Convention, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City
November 21—Pennsylvania Canners Association, 41st Annual Convention, Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg
December 1-2—Tri-State Packers Association, Annual Convention, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia
December 1-2—Georgia Canners Association, Annual Convention, Daytona Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach, Fla.
December 5-6—Michigan Canners and Freezers Association, Fall Meeting, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids
December 5-6—Ohio Canners Association, 48th Annual Convention, Carter Hotel, Cleveland
December 5-8—Vegetable Growers Association of America, 47th Annual Convention, Washington, D. C.
December 6—Maine Canners Association, Annual Meeting, Falmouth Hotel, Portland
December 7—Minnesota Canners and Freezers Association, 49th Annual Convention, St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul
December 8-9—New York State Canners and Freezers Association, 70th Annual Convention, Hotel Statler, Buffalo
January 8-10—Canners League of California, Second Annual Conference for Processors' Fieldmen, University of California, Davis
January 16-21—National Food Brokers Association, Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.
January 17-21—NATIONAL CANNERS ASSOCIATION, 49th Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.
January 19-21—Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Annual Convention and Exhibit, Atlantic City, N. J.
Jan. 29-Feb. 1—National Association of Frozen Food Packers, Annual Convention, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City
February 17-18—Canners League of California, Annual Fruit and Vegetable Sample Cutting, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
March 5-9—National-American Wholesale Grocers Association, Annual Convention, Palmer House, Chicago
March 23-24—Utah Canners Association, Annual Convention, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City
March 26-27—Canners League of California, 52d Annual Meeting, Santa Barbara Biltmore, Santa Barbara

Invitations for Bids

Quartermaster Market Centers: 226 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill.; 1321 Pendleton St., Columbia, S. C.; Felix at Hemphill St., Fort Worth, Tex.; 625 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; 1206 Santee St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Port of Embarkation, Unit 3, New Orleans, La.; 29th St. and 3d Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2155 Webster St., Alameda, Calif.; 1709 Kelly Rd., Richmond, Va.; P. O. Box 3225, Seattle, Wash.

Veterans Administration: General Supplies Section, Procurement Division, Supply Service, Washington 25, D. C.

The Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act may apply to all operations performed after the date of notice of award if the total value of a contract is \$10,000 or over.

Chicago has invited bids to furnish:

CATERPILLAR—37,515 dozen No. 10 cans and 56,971 dozen 14-oz. bottles (NIP 266). Bid opening Sept. 12.

BEETS—13,882 dozen No. 10 cans, Fed. Spec. JJJ-B-181b (NIP 262). Bid opening Sept. 19.

FRUIT JELLIES—796 dozen No. 10 and 3,889 dozen No. 2 cans, Fed. Spec. Z-J-191b (NIP 403). Bid opening Sept. 14.

Alameda has invited bids to furnish:

FIGS—7,738 dozen No. 10 cans and 4,444 dozen No. 2½ cans, Fed. Spec. Z-F-351b (Grade B), (NIP 174). Bid opening Sept. 15.

TOMATO JUICE—403,414 dozen No. 3 cyl. cans, Fed. Spec. JJJ-T-576a (Grade A), (NIP 55). Bid opening Sept. 20.

Brooklyn has invited bids to furnish:

SARDINES—150,000 pounds in 1-lb. oval cans, plain or in oil, Fed. Spec. PP-S-51b (NIP 145). Bid opening Sept. 28.

Seattle has invited bids to furnish:

PLUMS—12,413 dozen No. 10 cans and 4,711 dozen No. 2½ cans, Fed. Spec. Z-P-49 (Grade B), (NIP 150). Bid opening Sept. 26.

The Veterans Administration has invited bids to furnish:

SALMON—10,440 dozen No. 1 cans, Fed. Spec. PP-S-31c, Type 1, Red or Sockeye. Inv. 98 opening Sept. 27.

SWEET POTATOES—35,000 dozen No. 2½ cans, Fed. Spec. JJJ-P-611c (Grade A). Inv. 8-66 opening Oct. 3.

APPLES—5,250 dozen No. 10 cans, Fed. Spec. Z-A-611b (Grade C). Inv. 8-47 opening Oct. 4.

APPLESAUCE—7,500 dozen No. 10 cans, Fed. Spec. Z-A-621b (Grade A). Inv. 8-47 opening Oct. 4.

BEETS—12,250 dozen No. 10 cans, Fed. Spec. JJJ-B-181b (Grade A) and 6,000 dozen No. 2 cans of BEET PUREE, VA Spec. Inv. 8-23 opening Oct. 5.

Room Reservations for 1956 Convention

Members who desire rooms at the 1956 Convention are urged to complete the room request form, mailed to them a month ago, and return it promptly to N.C.A. Rooms are now being tentatively assigned.

George O. Tong

George O. Tong, 44, vice president in charge of sales and advertising for the Green Giant Company, LeSueur, Minn., died September 5 from a heart attack. He had been hospitalized for several weeks prior to his death.

Mr. Tong had been with the Green Giant Company since 1935. He began as a rate clerk and rose rapidly to become director of traffic and shipping. In 1954 he was elected vice president of sales and advertising.

Mr. Tong attended St. Johns Academy, Collegeville, Minn., and the Minnesota Business College. He was a practitioner before the Interstate Commerce Commission and was recognized as one of the nation's outstanding traffic experts in the food industry.

He served as a member of the N.C.A. Traffic Committee from 1944 through 1951 and was its chairman in 1952 and 1953.

Gordon Hill Kellogg

Gordon Hill Kellogg, 71, former vice president of the American Can Company, died August 21 at his home in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Mr. Kellogg was named Canco's vice president in charge of packers' can sales in 1936 and was promoted to vice president of the Central division in Chicago in 1940. He served in that post until his retirement in 1950. He had started his career with the company in 1909.

M. P. Cortilet

M. P. Cortilet, 59, vice president of American Can Company's Central division, died suddenly August 27 at his Chicago home.

Mr. Cortilet, who started his 39-year career with Canco in 1916, was elected vice president in charge of the Central division in 1950 after serving as sales manager of the division for three years.

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